

UNION COUNCIL MINUTES

From the 2nd Ordinary Meeting of the
112th UQ Union Council, 2022

5:30 PM
Monday March 22nd, 2023
Holt Room
UQ Union Complex, St. Lucia
Chair: Alex Smock

- a) The Chair declared the meeting open at 5:51 PM and acknowledged the traditional owners and custodians of the land, paying respect to their elders' past, present, and emerging, and extended the respects to the aboriginal and Torres strait islander people present at the meeting.

b) **Credentials:**

The following were present

Councillors	Student Executives and Officers	Observers
Shenalle Jiang	Richard Lee	
Jacinto Hedus	Greta Simpson	
Claire Sturm	Joshua Marsh	
Daniel Lynn	Tapanega Reupena Jr.	
Adrian Sutherland Chettle	Ryley Calvert	
Toby Abrahamson	Erin Blyth	
Elise Northcote	Daniel Chancellor	
Jinxu Zhuang	Sandra Fadia Haya	
Kore Opie	Rita Zhou	
Max Thompson	Jester Roach	
Abraham Sunil	Sian Chadfield	
Skye Stewart	Saumya Jain	
Alex Mcdowall	Jeryn Chang	
Rehan Gulati	Laura Nolan	
Emma Goodwin	Ella Gutteridge	
Utkrist Paudyal	Clara Mueller	
Matthew George Pereira	Annalise Whittingham	
	Keely Fischer	
	Jess Heald	
	Anikka Way	
	Prabasha Thilakaratne	
	Brinda Gunashanhar	
	Ahmed Abdulmunem	
	Emily Lee	
	Dylan Thomas	

Apologies and Leave:

Richard Lee
Carmi More

The following proxies were received:

Timothy Hirsch to Saumya Jain
Carmi More to Toby Abrahamson
Lily Cooke to Skye Stewart
Aydan Rusev to Matthew George Pereira
Oscar Green to Skye Stewart
Karston Duvel to Matthew George Pereira

It was moved

THAT THE LEAVE OF ABSENCE REQUEST BY CARMİ MOORE BE APPROVED

COUNCIL 112/19

CARRIED

c) Elections

Secretary Greta Simpson invited the Returning Officer Peter Travers to officiate the election process for the rules committee members that will be elected for at the meeting.

The returning officer informed the members of the council that with unanimous support from the Council, the number of the members of the rules committee can be expanded if desired by the council.

The Chair called for nominations for members of rules committee and Uktrist Paudyal, Jacinto Hedus, Toby Abrahamson, Kore Opie, Claire Sturm, Ayden Rusev, Karston Duvel and Emma Goodwin were nominated.

It was moved

THAT THE RULES COMMITTEE BE EXPANDED TO HAVE 8 MEMBERS

COUNCIL 112/20

PEREIRA/LYNN

CARRIED

d) Confirmation of the Minutes of the previous Meeting

The minutes were corrected to reflect the fact Utrkist Paudyal did not proxy to Aaron, the list of apologies to include Matthew Pereira and the voting record for the motions regarding environmental officers and postgrad officers to reflect the correct voting record.

With those changes accepted, the minutes of the previous meeting were confirmed and approved.

It was moved

THAT THE MINUTES FROM THE 1st ORDINARY MEETING OF THE 112TH UQ UNION COUNCIL HELD ON 13TH FEBRAURY 2023 BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED

COUNCIL 112/21 HEDUS/PEREIRA CARRIED

e) Business arising from the Minutes of the previous meeting

None

f) Requests for starring/approval or noting of the items not starred *en bloc*

Utrkist Paudyal starred the reports of the the President and the VP Campus Culture Tapanega Reupena Jr.

Laura Nolan starred the Semper report and the environmental officer report.

Matthew Pereira starred the international officers report.

It was moved

TO ACCEPT ALL REPORTS EXCEPT STARRED EN BLOC

COUNCIL 112/22 HEDUS/PEREIRA CARRIED

Laura Nolan spoke on the great start to the year the environmental collective had and that looking forward to encouraging student activism.

Ella Gutteridge queried the semper editor Dylan Thomas on the Semper editions this year not being qualitatively effective like last year. Dylan Thomas mentioned that there are organizational sturrgles related to recruitment and that efforts are being made to encourage and invite students to participate in writing for Semper. VP Campus Culture TJ mentioned that Natasha Brettell is working with Dylan Thomas on engaging clubs spotlight in Semper.

VP Campus Culture TJ gave an oral report mentioning the work being done by the C&S committee in ratification and affiliation of Clubs. He further mentioned on the various activities being undertaken by the C&S portfolio in co-ordination with the C7S committee like workshops, mental health and first aid certification courses, ensuring equipment for the C&S room and highlighted the fact that C&S hold a lot of events that help and/or are part of Campus Culture.

Matthew Pereira queried the international officer on the number of clubs participating in the Atlas Ball and was replied that it was 13. He opined that international collective should be inclusive of all international clubs and the sensible approach would be to reach out to all the clubs.

VP Campus Culture TJ mentioned that considering the large number of international clubs, the current arrangement was deemed best suitable after conferring with international collective and that if the international collective reaches out and has made a decision, it can then be revisited on expanding the atlas ball invite to more clubs. He further mentioned that in his opinion a significant majority of international clubs that are representative enough of various cultures and continents are part of atlas ball already and is diverse enough.

Claire Sturm queried on how the committee would know if all the international clubs were aware of the atlas ball committee and have decided whether to participate in the ball or not.

It was moved

THAT THE INTERNTAIONAL OFFICERS INFORM ALL THE INTERNATIONAL CLUBS ABOUT THE ATLAS BALL AND EXTEND A PUBLIC INVITATION TO BE PART OF THE ATLAS BALL AND, INFORM THE COUNCIL AT THE NEXT MEETING

COUNCIL 112/23

NOT CARRIED

RECORDED VOTE:

Shenalle Jiang Abstain
Jacinto Hedus Against
Claire Sturm Abstain
Daniel Lynn Against

Timothy Hirsch proxy Against
Adrian Sutherland Chettle Abstain
Karsten Duvel proxy For
Toby Abrahamson Against
Lily Cooke For
Elise Northcote proxy Against
Jinxu Zhuang proxy For
Aydan Rusev proxy For
Kore Opie Against
Max Thompson proxy Against
Oscar Green proxy For
Abraham Sunil Against
Skye Stewart For
Alex Mcdowall For
Rehan Gulati proxy Against
Emma Goodwin For
Utkrist Paudyal Abstain
Matthew George Pereira For
Carmi More proxy Against

It was moved

TO TABLE THE ATLAS BALL MOTION IN GENERAL BUSINESS
COUNCIL 112/24 WALKER/HEDUS CARRIED

It was moved

TO ACCEPT THE STARRED REPORTS EN BLOC
COUNCIL 112/25 CARRIED

g) Matters Arising from Reports of Elected Officers

None

h) Question Time

Utkrist Paudyal queried the VP Student Rights Ryley Calvert on the operational timeline for Op Shop and Ryley informed the council that it would be operational during semester 2 of this year.

i) Reports of Union Bodies

Nil.

j) Business which has been proposed

There was a procedural motion to suspend standing orders while the proposed regulation changes are discussed and voted on.

COUNCIL 112/26

CARRIED

Regulation Changes:

1. C&S Regs Changes

Michael Walker spoke to the Council on the regulation changes being proposed for the C&S committee mentioning that it is to ensure compliance with governance, have transparency and to make the C&S department more efficient.

Saumya Jain queried on the establishment of the clubs finance committee and the inclusion of staff members on the committee. Michael replied that currently financial decisions related to C&S are made by the Treasurer and the committee is being proposed to have more representation from C&S while the staff members are included to ensure accountability. Saumya Jain opined that the committee can include the C&S committee and the Treasurer rather than in the proposed form. Joshua Marsh informed the members that it is not necessarily about the C&S committee but about accountability and transparency about all matters of the Union and that the proposed committee has more students than staff in its composition.

It was moved

That Union Council:

1. Amends R157.1, which reads: "A student seeking to establish an Affiliated Body must first complete an expression of interest in the form of Schedule Sixteen." So that it reads: "A student seeking to establish an

Affiliated Body must first complete an expression of interest in the form prescribed by the Clubs and Societies Committee”

2. Amend 157.8 which reads: “157.8 A proposed club or society whose expression of interest has been ratified by the Clubs and Societies Committee is eligible: a) to book tables; b) to book Union rooms; and c) to use the Union's facilities to photocopy for the purposes of promoting the Affiliation Meeting.” So that it reads: “157.8 A proposed club or society whose expression of interest has been ratified by the Clubs and Societies Committee is eligible: a) to book University rooms; and b) to book Union rooms.”
3. Amend 157.9 which reads: “The proposed Club or society must hold an Affiliation Meeting no later than thirty business days after its expression of interest has been satisfied.” So that it reads: “The proposed Club or society must hold an Affiliation Meeting no later than thirty academic days after its expression of interest has been satisfied.”
4. Amend 157.11 which reads: “e) be attended by the Clubs and Societies Administration Officer or the Vice-president (Campus Culture).” So that it reads: “e) be attended by the senior staff member of the Clubs and Societies Department, the Vice-president (Campus Culture), or two elected members of the Clubs and Societies Committee. f) be held on campus, at the relevant campus.”
5. Amend 157.17 which reads: “Clubs and Societies must operate only one banking account. This account must be in the Club or Society’s name at the University branch of a bank. The Clubs and Societies Administration Officer must be a signatory to all bank accounts held by Clubs and Societies.” So that it reads: “Clubs and Societies must operate only one banking account. This account must be in the Club or Society’s name at the branch prescribed by the Clubs and Societies Committee. The senior staff member of the Clubs and Societies Department and the Finance Department must be a signatory to all bank accounts held by Clubs and Societies.”

COUNCIL 112/27

WALKER/MARSH

CARRIED

It was moved

That Union Council:

1. Amends R157.13 which reads:” Prior to the Clubs and Societies Committee meeting where the proposed club or society will be considered for affiliation, the Chair should ensure the constitution adopted in R157.11 is consistent with the spirit of Schedule Seventeen.” So that it reads:” Prior to the Clubs and Societies Committee meeting where the proposed club or society will be

considered for affiliation, the Chair should ensure the constitution adopted in R157.11 is: a) consistent with the spirit of Schedule Seventeen; b) in the English Language.”

2. Inserts an additional clause into R158.1 which reads: “m) Fails to maintain with the Clubs and Societies Department a copy of their constitution and other governing documents in the English language;”

COUNCIL 112/28

WALKER/MARSH

CARRIED

It was moved

That Union Council repeals R164 and replaces it with: “R164 Clubs and Societies Finance Committee

164.1 An emergency loan of up to a value of up to \$10,000 may be granted to a Club or Society where: a) annual financial returns of the Club or Society are current; and b) the loan is provided for a maximum term of six months, except under extraordinary circumstances; and c) interest is charged for the duration of the loan at the prevailing variable rate of interest for a personal loan from the Commonwealth Bank.

164.2 Loans under R164.1 must be approved by the Clubs and Societies Finance Committee.

164.3 The members of the Clubs and Societies Finance Committee are: a) the Vice President (Campus Culture) (voting) (chair); b) the Treasurer (voting); c) the senior staff member of the Clubs and Societies Department (voting); d) the senior staff member of the Finance Department (voting); e) two nominated members of the Clubs and Societies Committee (voting); f) any other member of the student executive (non-voting); and g) any other elected members of the Clubs and Societies Committee (non-voting).

164.4 Two members of the Clubs and Societies Committee shall be nominated by the committee at the first ordinary meeting. These members shall serve on the Clubs and Societies Finance Committee until the first meeting of the next Clubs and Societies Committee.

164.4 In the event of a tied vote, the application shall be decided in the negative.

164.5 All loans approved under R164.1 must be brought to the attention of the Clubs and Societies Committee at the next meeting.

164.6 If a loan of more than \$10,000 is required, the balance above \$10,000 must be approved by Union Council.

164.7 The Clubs and Societies Finance Committee shall be delegated authority to set appropriate financial compliance standards. These standards must be brought to the Clubs and Societies Committee for review.

164.8 Quorum of the Clubs and Societies Finance Committee shall be 4 voting members.

164.9 Meetings of the Clubs and Societies Finance Committee must be called with no less than 24 hours clear notice.”

COUNCIL 112/29 WALKER/MARSH NOT CARRIED

It was moved

That Union Council:

Amends the following terms in R155, R156, R157, R158, R159, R160, R161, R162, R163, and R164:

1. Replace all mentions of the “Administration Officer” with “Clubs and Societies Department” a) except in the case of 157.11 e) where Administration Officer shall be changed to “the senior member of staff of the Clubs and Societies Department”
2. Replace all mentions of “Campus-Based Clubs” with “Non-St Lucia Based Clubs”

COUNCIL 112/30 WALKER/MARSH CARRIED

It was moved

That Union Council:

Amends R162 to add: “162.3 The President, Secretary and Treasurer of the club or society must all be currently enrolled students at the University of Queensland”

Amends R158.1 to add: “n) fails to comply with the requirement that the President, Secretary and Treasurer are currently enrolled students at the University of Queensland;”

COUNCIL 112/31

WALKER/MARSH

CARRIED

It was moved

That Union Council:

1. Amends R160.3 which reads: “The members of the General Assembly are: a) Vice-President (Campus Culture) (non-voting); b) Clubs and Societies Administration Officer (non-voting); and c) the President of each Club and Society, or their nominee, subject to R160.4.” So that it reads: “The members of the General Assembly are: a) Vice-President (Campus Culture) (non-voting); b) Clubs and Societies Department Staff (non-voting); and c) the President of each Club and Society as at the 30th of September, or their nominee, subject to R160.4.”

2. Amends R160.4 which reads: “Where the President of a Club or Society proxies their voting rights at the General Assembly to a nominee, the President must inform the Vice-President (Campus Culture) in the form of Schedule Two. The nominee must be a financial member of the Club or Society they are exercising a vote for.” So that it reads: “Where a voting member proxies their voting rights at the General Assembly to a nominee, the member must inform the Vice-President (Campus Culture) in the form of Schedule Two. The nominee must be a financial member of the Club or Society they are exercising a vote for.”

COUNCIL 112/32

WALKER/MARSH

CARRIED

It was moved

That Union Council:

1. Adds R157.18, R157.19, and R157.20, which read: “R157.18 The Clubs and Societies Committee may resolve to allow a Club or Society to operate additional bank accounts. All other provisions of R157.17 apply to bank accounts opened under this section. R157.19 All income must be deposited in the club/society’s bank account as soon as practical, and by no later than the end of the relevant financial year. R157.20 The proposed body must be constituted as a not-for-profit body.”

2. Amend 158.1 so that it reads: “o) fails to have an Australian Business Number registered with the Australian Business Registry p) fails to adhere to

terms set out in a loan provided under R164; q) fails to adopt aims or objectives of a not-for-profit association; r) fails to comply with the financial responsibilities established under R158.7; or s) otherwise breaches the Union's Constitution or Regulations.”

3. Add R158.6 and R158.7 which read: “158.6 In the case of significant allegations of financial misappropriation being brought to the committee against a club or society, the committee shall be empowered to immediately freeze all bank accounts associated with the club or society. This action does not require prior notice to the club or society. 158.7 A club or society must adhere to the financial responsibilities for incorporated organisations, unless otherwise approved by the Clubs and Societies Finance Committee.”

4. Amend 159.3 which reads: “159.3 The following considerations shall be taken into account by the Clubs and Societies Committee when allocating subsidies: a) written subsidy application of the Club or Society; b) number of members of the Club or Society who are students; c) past activities of the Club or Society; d) audited financial statements of the Club or Society; e) debts owed by the Club or Society. So that it reads: “159.3 The following considerations shall be taken into consideration by the Clubs and Societies Committee when allocating subsidies: a) written subsidy application of the Club or Society; b) number of members of the Club or Society who are students; c) past activities of the Club or Society; d) audited financial statements of the Club or Society; e) debts owed by the Club or Society.

5. Amend 159.7 which reads: “Subsidies may only be paid into the Club or Society's banking account” So that it reads: “159.7 Subsidies may only: a) be paid into the Club or Society's banking account; or b) or paid directly to the service provider.” 6. Amend R158.1, R159.3, R162.2, and R164.1 to replace references to ‘audits’ with ‘annual financial returns’.

COUNCIL 112/33

WALKER/MARSH

CARRIED

2. PAYING VICE PRESIDENTS 19HRS

Daniel Chancellor spoke on the proposed motion saying the increase in number of hours for the VPs from 15 to 19 hours is so that they can increase their participation and efforts even though in reality they do put in a lot of work and time than the allowed paid hours.

The Treasurer Joshua Marsh mentioned that though this might be seen as a small step it would go a long way in enabling the elected students to be able to invest time and efforts in student related activities and programs.

Matthew George Pereira highlighted the work being done by the office bearers and proposed that the hours be increased to 30.

VP Campus Culture TJ spoke on the harsh living conditions being faced by the students like himself and that supporting the students on poverty line who are also studying full time so that they can invest more time and effort in Union activities is something the union should be doing.

It was moved

THAT THE ELECTED OFFICERS MENTIONED IN R56.2 BE PAID PART-TIME 60 HOURS PER FORTNIGHT EACH

COUNCIL 112/34

NOT CARRIED

Recorded Vote:

Shenalle Jiang Against
Jacinto Hedus Against
Claire Sturm Abstain
Daniel Lynn Against
Timothy Hirsch proxy Against
Adrian Sutherland Chettle Against
Karsten Duvel proxy For
Toby Abrahamson Against
Lily Cooke proxy For
Elise Northcote proxy Against
Jinxu Zhuang proxy Against
Aydan Rusev proxy For
Kore Opie Against
Max Thompson Against
Oscar Green For
Abraham Sunil Abstain
Skye Stewart For
Alex Mcdowall Against
Rehan Gulati proxy Against
Emma Goodwin Against
Utkrist Paudyal For
Matthew George Pereira For
Carmi More proxy Against

It was moved

THAT THE REGULATION R56.2 BE AMENDED TO READ AS :

56.2 The Elected Officers who are paid part-time (seventy-six hours per fortnight) are:

- a) Vice-President (Student Rights);
- b) Vice-President (Campus Culture); and
- c) Vice-President (Gender and Sexuality Rights)

COUNCIL 112/35 CHANCELLOR/MARSH CARRIED

The Chair recessed the meeting at 7:25 PM and resumed the meeting at 7:43 PM

3. ATTENDANCE FOR COUNCIL FOR GATTON

It was moved

THAT THE REGULATION R56 BE AMENDED TO READ AS :

56 Application for leave to attend a meeting with use of technology

6.1 At any time a member of a Union body may make an application for leave to attend a meeting of that Union body with use of technology to the Union Secretary.

6.2 Use of technology to attend Union Council meetings is restricted to members who hold positions specific to campuses located outside the Brisbane Local Government Area (LGA), such as Gatton Officer. Councillors are not eligible to apply for attendance by the use of technology.

6.3 The Union Secretary may either grant or refuse the application.

6.4 The Union Secretary must only grant the application if: (a) it allows the member to clearly and simultaneously communicate with other members; and (b) it is appropriate to grant the application in the opinion of the Union Secretary.

6.5 If the application is granted, a member who participates in the meeting using that technology is deemed to be physically present at the meeting and may: (a) count towards quorum; and (b) vote on a question put to the meeting.

6.6 A Union body reserves the right to grant or refuse an application for leave already granted or refused by the Union Secretary pursuant to S6.3, if in the opinion of the Union body a contrary decision ought to have been made.

COUNCIL 112/36

CHANCELLOR/MARSH

CARRIED

UQU 2023 BUDGET

Treasurer Joshua Marsh presented the UQ Union budget for the year 2023 to the Council, noting the following:

1. The SSAF allocation for UQU has been increased from 35 % to 45 % and that for APS has increased from 2.5 % to 5 %
2. The university expects the Union to cover shortfalls in services which are otherwise provided by the University, using the increased SSF allocation
3. The approximate revenue streams for the year are \$6.4 Million dollars in SSAF funding, \$1.3 Million dollars in Operating Fund, Business trading and Other Funding.
4. As Future Revenue Streams, Continuity Fund is being actively pursued with the University which is the SSAF contingency fund being held by UQ, and which was agreed in 2021 to transfer 50% of it to the Union.
5. The priorities for the Union this year will be on increasing the overall quality and accessibility of resources and services provided by the Union, fostering a sense of community and inclusivity, and increasing student engagement and participation in Union activities and decision-making process.
6. The projected Net Surplus/Deficit for the year 2023 is expected to be \$383,000 on the Operational side while the increase in gross Profit (BT) is expected to be \$662,000.
7. It was highlighted that the increased staff and events costs are mainly related to the additional activities as a result of increased SSAF funding
8. Under Student Services, it was noted that the increase of marketing team funding is due to increased staff members in marketing department and increased utilization for student services.
9. The various portfolio budgets and the activities proposed were presented to the members by the treasurer.
10. UQU GM Operations Clint Wooler explained to the members of the Council on the BT Strategy of the Union and the various plans that are being implemented.

It was moved

THAT THE BUDGET FOR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT IN C&S
PORTFOLIO BUDGET BE INCREASED FROM \$5K TO \$25K

COUNCIL 112/37

NOT CARRIED

It was moved

THAT THE UQU BUDGET 2023 BE ACCEPTED AND APPROVED

COUCIL 112/38

MARSH/ABRAHAMSON

CARRIED

General Business:

UQU Opposes the Albanese government proposal for spending 368 billion dollars on Nuclear Submarines

Sam Adams and Claire Sturm spoke on the proposed motion mentioning the exorbitant amounts being spent on the nuclear submarines project by the current Albanese government and how such money when rightly invested in the needs of the people and the development of the country can be of a better use than investing in such projects.

It was moved

THAT THE UQU CONDEMNS ALBANESE GOVERNMENT PROPOSAL
FOR SPENDING 368 BILLION DOLLARS ON SUBMARINES

COUNCIL 112/39

ADAMS/STURM

CARRIED

UQU Condemns the Suspension of Students by the University of Sydney for their protest

Kore Opie and Laura Nolan spoke on the proposed motion highlighting the need to support of free speech and right to protest by the students and urged the Council to condemn the recent actions by the University of Sydney in suspending Maddie Clark and Deaglan Goldin for their protest at an event and that it shows the protest movement under attack as evidenced by such actions by the university.

It was moved

THAT THE UQU CONDEMN THE SUPSENSION OF STUDENTS BY THE
UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY FOR THEIR PROTEST

UQU Condemns Transphobia of the Far Right

Alex McDowall and Ella Gutteridge spoke on the rise in transphobia among far right elements and mentioned the recent examples highlighted in print and

media, and urged the members of the council to condemn such behaviour and show solidarity and support for the trans community.

It was moved

THAT THE UQU CONDEMN THE TRANSPHOBIA OF THE FAR RIGHT

COUNCIL 112/40 MCDOWALL/GUTTERIDGE

CARRIED

There being no other business, the meeting was closed at 9:53 PM

CONFIRMED